

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-9, 12-21 and 23-33.

A complete list of the Claims and their present status is as follows:

--1. (canceled) An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for dental patients, comprising.

a bendable continuously curved arcuate band extending between obliquely and outwardly extending distal ends, said ends having odor emitting means affixed thereon;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for physical separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

2. (Currently amended) The clip method of Claim 1 ~~wherein said~~ further comprising said odorant being emitted from odor emitting means ~~comprises a~~ comprising said pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having an odorant absorbed therewithin.

3. (Currently amended) The clip method of claim 2 wherein said a respective inner surface of said clip is provided with a coating of soft material.

4. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 3 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

5. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim ~~1~~ 11 wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

6. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim ~~1~~ 11 wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

7. (Currently amended) The ~~intra-nasal-clip~~ method as in Claim ~~1~~ 11 wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

8. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 7 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

9. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 8 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 9 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

11. Previously Presented A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems and

hazardous occupational environments, comprising the steps of:

- a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;
- b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;
- c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;
- d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;
- e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;
- f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;
- g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;
- h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,
- i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.

12. (Canceled) An odor desensitizing intra-nasal clip for persons exposed to intense, vile odors, at malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage systems and hazardous occupational environments, comprising.

a bendable continuously curved arcuate band extending between obliquely and outwardly extending distal ends, said ends having odor emitting means affixed thereon applying a pleasant scent directly within the nostrils of the person;

said band having an inner surface coextensive with said band, said inner surface for intra-nasal contacting the respective right and left sides of a user's nasal septum, when said distal ends are inserted into a user's right and left nostrils with said band wrapped around the distal end of the nasal septum;

said band having a pair of reverse curvatures near said respective distal ends, said reverse curvatures providing for physical separation of said ends from contact with the surface of the user's nasal septum.

13. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim ~~12 22~~ wherein said further comprising said odorant being emitted from odor emitting means comprises a comprising said pair of absorbent pads attached to said distal ends; said pads having an odorant absorbed therewithin.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of claim ~~12 22~~ wherein said a respective inner surface of said clip is provided with a coating of soft material.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 14 wherein said soft material comprises fabric.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim ~~12 22~~ wherein said band is comprised of aluminum.

17. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim ~~12 22~~ wherein said band is comprised of plastic.

18. (Currently amended) The ~~intra-nasal clip~~ method as in Claim ~~12 22~~ wherein said intra-nasal clip comprises a plurality of intra-nasal clips contained

within a plurality of attached, user-detachable sealed packaging pouches wherein a respective single unit of said clip is enclosed within each respective packaging pouch.

19. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 18 wherein said packaging pouches comprise an odor and oxygen barrier.

20. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 19 wherein said respective packaging pouches have weakening means for facilitating user tear-off of individual packaging pouches as desired.

21. (Currently amended) The ~~clip~~ method of Claim 20 wherein said weakening means comprises perforations between respective packaging pouches.

22. (Previously Presented) A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at ~~malodorous locations, including at least one of crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems and hazardous occupational environments~~ dental procedures, comprising the steps of:

- a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;
- b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;
- c. packaging said arcuate band in a sealed pouch having an odor and oxygen barrier;
- d. opening said pouch at the beginning of a procedure at the malodorous location;

e. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;

f. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;

g. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

h. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,

i. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired..

23-33. (Canceled)

34. (new) A method of altering a person's exposure to foul odors at malodorous locations, including at least one of dental procedures, crime scene investigations, autopsies, sewage disposal systems, occupational environments with malodorous odors and hazardous occupational environments, comprising the steps of:

a. affixing absorbent pads to the ends of a soft, bendable arcuate band having two ends and a reverse curvature near each respective end;

b. impregnating said absorbent pads with a pleasant-smelling odorant;

c. inserting said ends of said band into the nostrils of the user;

d. wrapping said band around the end of the user's nose;

e. gently pressing said band into contact with the right and left sides of the inner nasal septum of the user, for grasping contact therebetween;

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f. ensuring that said reverse curvatures near said ends cause separation between the surface of the user's nasal septum and said odorant pads; and,

g. removing said clip at the end of the procedure or sooner if desired.